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(U) Auburn – Three Injured in Placer County Library Knife Attack; Suspect Arrested

(U) Auburn police have arrested the suspect who attacked three men in the library on 10 December. The attacker fled the library, but police announced late last night they caught and him. Three men were attacked inside the Placer County library, the Auburn Police Department said. It's unclear what led to the stabbings. The severity of injuries for two of the victims is not yet known, but the third was treated and released on scene. The suspect's name was not released, but police say he is facing charges of attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon.

SOURCE: 10 December 2019, [KCRA 3](#)

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(U) Michigan – 'Opium Paste' found at Michigan Border

(U) Sault Ste. Marie – A man is accused of attempting to smuggle hundreds of pounds of unrefined opium into the country through the Canadian border. According to a criminal complaint filed on 10 December in federal court, Abdolnasser Mahmoudikanesbi was questioned by agents with Homeland Security when he tried to pass through the Sault Ste. Marie port on 7 December. Agents say that Mahmoudikanesbi was driving a rental moving truck with an Arizona license plate. When asked about his cargo, agents say he told them he was hauling towels. An x-ray of the truck he was driving apparently showed "dark anomalies in the cargo area inconsistent with towels." Agents then searched the vehicle and found 268-pounds of "opium paste" packaged in bricks.

SOURCE: 10 December 2019, [FOX 17](#)

(U) New Jersey – Six Killed in Shootout Including Police Detective, Two Suspects, Three Civilians

(U) Jersey City – A police officer, three civilians, and two suspects were killed on 10 December during a standoff and shootout in Jersey City, authorities said. According to senior law enforcement officials, the shoot-out began when a detective saw a van possibly linked to a murder from over the weekend. As the officer approached, a suspect got out of the van shot the officer. After shooting the officer, the suspects fled and entered the Jersey City Kosher Supermarket, where the standoff started with law enforcement, according to a senior law enforcement official. The suspects and three civilians were killed inside that grocery store in the ensuing gun battle. Two other officers were injured, but have since been released. Officials believe it was a targeted attack on both the officer and the Jewish business.

SOURCE: 10 December 2019, [NBC](#)

(U) New Jersey – Three Men Arrested in \$722 Million Cryptocurrency Fraud Scheme

(U) Newark – Three men were arrested yesterday in connection with a cryptocurrency mining scheme that defrauded investors of \$722 million, US Attorney Craig Carpenito announced. Matthew Brent Goettsche, 37, of Lafayette, Colorado, and Jobadiah Sinclair Weeks, 38, of Arvada, Colorado, are charged by indictment with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and Goettsche, Weeks, and Joseph Frank Abel, 49, of Camarillo, California, are charged by indictment with conspiracy to offer and sell unregistered securities.

SOURCE: 10 December 2019, [NBC](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED**(U) North Carolina – Deputies Find \$3 Million in Cash Hidden in Cargo of Tractor Trailer**

(U) Shelby – The Cleveland County Sheriff's Office said their deputies seized \$3 million in cash hidden inside a tractor trailer they pulled over on I-85. The cash was found hidden inside barrels that were supposed to contain raw pork shoulders. "The Sheriff's Office has reason to believe that the money was headed to the US/Mexican border and also believe that the money was a result of drug sales throughout the region," the agency said in a news release. The sheriff's office said no additional details would be released at this time, but Federal authorities are assisting with the investigation.

SOURCE: 10 December 2019, [FOX Carolina](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Afghanistan – Taliban Attack on US Military Base Kills One, Injures Scores**

(U) Kabul – Suicide bombers struck the main US military base in Afghanistan on 11 December, killing at least one person and injuring scores in a major attack. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, which struck the Bagram air base north of Kabul. Two attackers detonated vehicles laden with explosives at the southern entrance to the base, while five more opened fire. Abdul Shukoor Qudosi, the district governor of Bagram district, said 87 people were injured and one woman was killed, and that a clearing operation was still ongoing. Five servicemen from the former Soviet republic of Georgia, which is part of the US-led coalition, were among those injured, the country's defense ministry said in a statement. The majority of casualties were Afghan.

SOURCE: 11 December 2019, [Reuters](#)

(U) Iran – Customer Accounts Exposed Online

(U) Tehran – The details of millions of Iranian bank cards were published online, experts suspect a state-sponsored cyberattack. Details of 15 million bank debit cards in Iran had been published on social media in the aftermath of protests that burned Iranian banks, unnerving customers, and forcing the government to acknowledge a problem. The information uploaded on Telegram contains names of account holders and account numbers but the PIN codes appear obscured. The information also included directions on how to make homemade forgeries of cards containing the leaked information. The exposure represented the most serious banking security breach in Iran, according to Iranian media.

SOURCE: 10 December 2019, [New York Times](#)

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